

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST ADDENDUM SHEET  
INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR PROJECT

Property Name: Rosehill/Thomas Canby House  
Survey No.: M:28-22 (PACS C7.6)

Property Address 10 Watergate Court, Silver Spring vicinity (Colesville), Montgomery County, Maryland  
Owner Name/Address Elie and LB Rogers, 10 Watergate Court, Silver Spring, MD 20905  
Year Built circa 1800/1885/1990

**Description:**

Rosehill, constructed circa 1800, 1885 and remodeled in 1990, was previously surveyed by Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in 1994. The house and setting remains unchanged since the time of the previous survey. The wood-frame smokehouse remains, while the bank barn was destroyed by fire several years ago. Located west of the house, the smokehouse has a front-gable roof covered with corrugated metal and vertical wood siding. The property containing the barn has since been subdivided and developed.

**National Register Evaluation:**

Rosehill, constructed circa 1800, 1885 and remodeled in 1990, was previously surveyed by Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in 1994. The property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as the structure has lost architectural integrity. The addition and alterations to the property in 1990 significantly enlarged the dwelling and impacted the circa 1800 portion of the structure. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, does not meet Criterion D.

**MHT CONCURRENCE:**

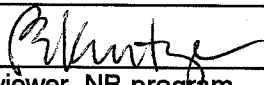
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Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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E. Hannold/K. Williams 11/25/1996

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

  
Reviewer, NR program

3/4/02  
Date

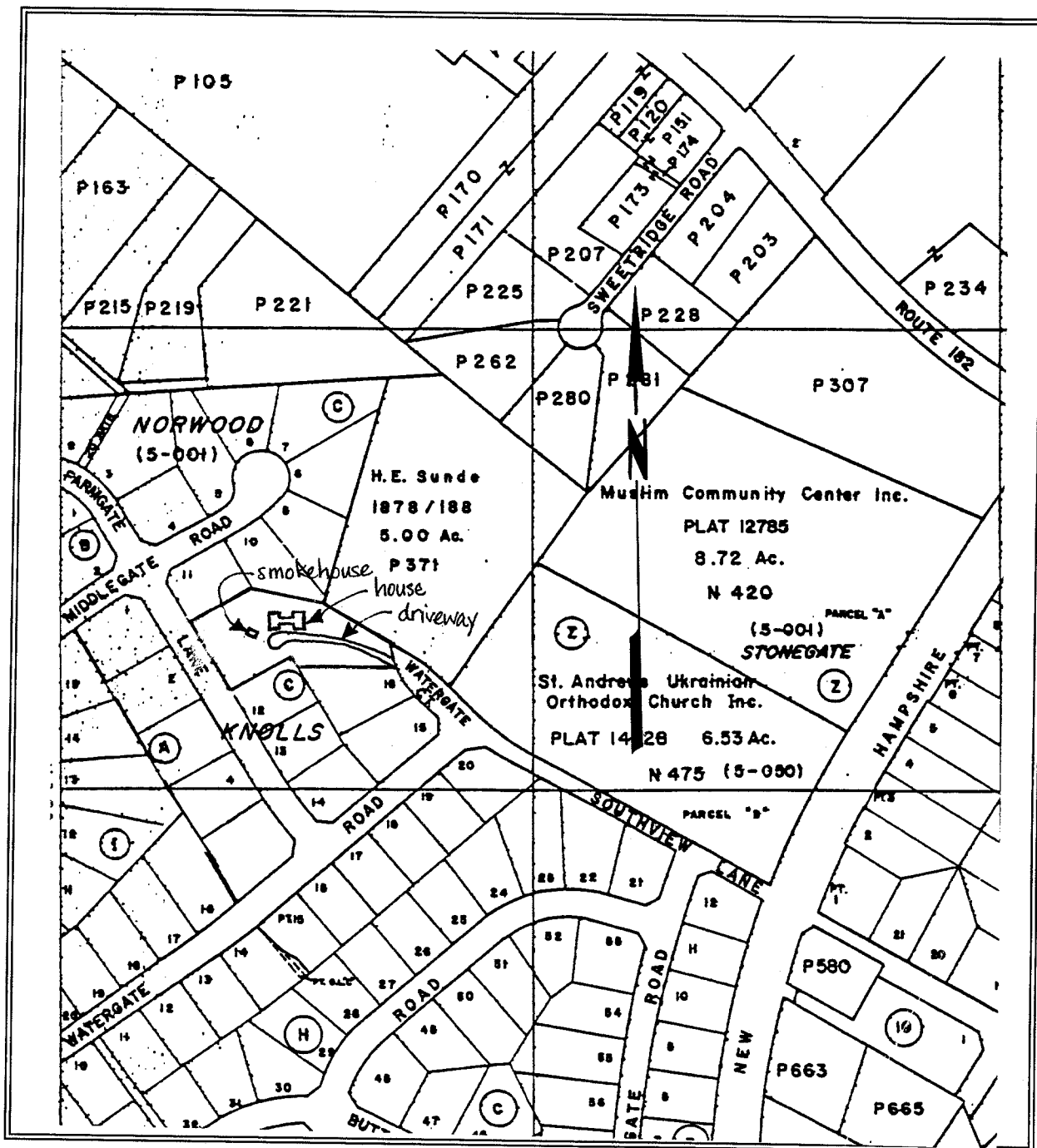
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Resource Sketch Map:



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Intercounty Connector Project  
Upgrade Existing Roads Alternative  
Quad Kensington  
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Property Name Rosehill/Thomas Canby  
House

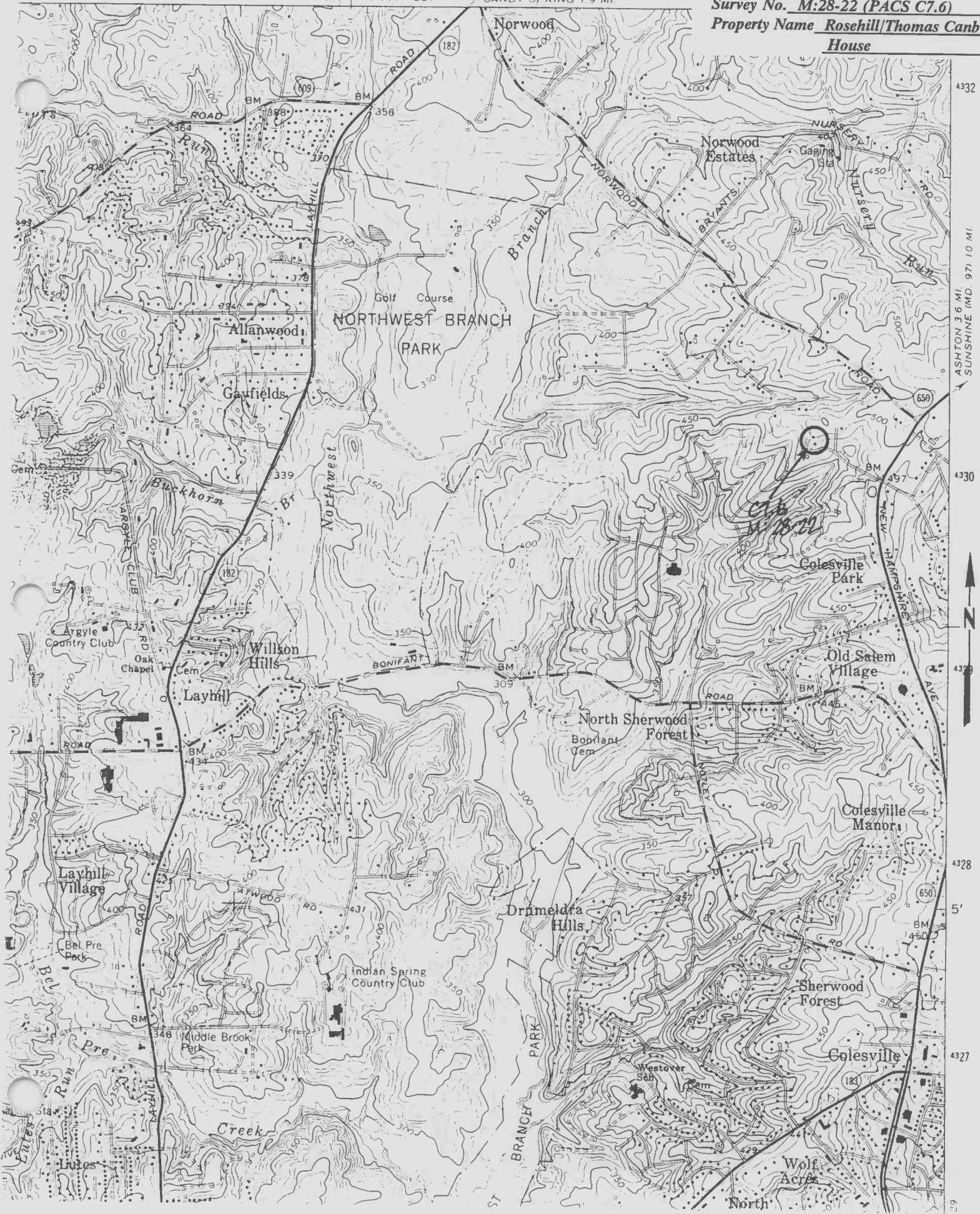
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2'30"

324

790 000 FEET

SANDY SPRING 1.9 MI.



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ASHTON 3.6 MI  
SUNSHINE (MD. 97) 10 MI.

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- 1 11-28-22
- 2 Rosehill / Thomas County
- 3 Montgomery County
- 4 Tim Tamburino
- 5 June 1996
- 6 PAC Spew Co, 40 W. Chesapeake Ave. Suite  
412 Towson MD 21204
- 7 10 Watergate Ct, front elevation
- 8 1 of 4



- 1 M: 28-22
- 2 Rosehill Thomas County House
- 3 Montgomery County
- 4 Tim Tamburino
- 5 June 1996
- 6 PAC Spew + Co, 40 W. Chesapeake Ave, Suite 412  
Towson MD 21204
- 7 10 Watergate Ct., north elevation
- 8 2 of 4





- 1 M: 8-22
- 2 Rackill/Thomas Carby House
- 3 Montgomery County
- 4 Tim Tamburino
- 5 June 1996
- 6 PAC Spaw Co. 40 W. Chesapeake Ave Suite 42  
Towson MD 21204
- 7 10 Watergate Ct, south elevation
- 8 3 of 4



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- 2 Rosehill / Thomas Canby House
- 3 Montgomery County
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- 6 PAC Spew + Co, 40 W. Chesapeake Ave, Suite  
412 Towson MD 21204
- 7 10 Watergate Ct, outbuilding
- 8 4 of 4

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**FOR**  
**CANBY HOUSE/ROSEHILL**  
**10 WATERGATE COURT, CLOVERLY**

Montgomery County Survey Prefix & Site Number: M-28/22  
Approximate Building Date: circa 1800, 1885, altered 1990  
Town or Vicinity in which Resource is Located: Cloverly  
Access: Private

Rosehill is a remodeled two story frame I-house located on an approximately one-acre hilltop site off Watergate Road. The house is a traditional side-gabled center hall I-house. The I-house was a principal domestic building type in Montgomery County during the nineteenth century, but few of these houses have survived in the eastern section of Montgomery county without extensive renovation. Although Rosehill has been remodeled, it retains sufficient integrity of location, setting, form, plan, and materials to represent a distinctive surviving example of this once common farmhouse type in eastern Montgomery County.

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. M28-22

Magi No.

DOE yes no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

Rosehill

and/or common

Thomas Canby House

**2. Location**

street & number

10 Watergate Court

not for publication

city, town

Silver Spring

vicinity of

congressional district

8

state

MD

county

Montgomery

**3. Classification**

**Category**

☒ district  
☒ building(s)  
☐ structure  
☐ site  
☐ object

**Ownership**

☒ public  
☒ private  
☐ both  
**Public Acquisition**  
☐ in process  
☐ being considered  
☒ not applicable

**Status**

☒ occupied  
☐ unoccupied  
☐ work in progress  
**Accessible**  
☒ yes: restricted  
☐ yes: unrestricted  
☐ no

**Present Use**

☐ agriculture  
☐ commercial  
☐ educational  
☐ entertainment  
☐ government  
☐ industrial  
☐ military  
☐ museum  
☐ park  
☒ private residence  
☐ religious  
☐ scientific  
☐ transportation  
☐ other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

Elie S. & L.B. Rogers

street & number

10 Watergate Court

telephone no.:

city, town

Silver Spring

state and zip code

MD 20904

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

Montgomery County Courthouse

liber 4865

street & number

51 Monroe Street

folio 576

city, town

Rockville

state

MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

Montgomery County Locational Atlas of Historic Sites

date

1976

no federal no state no county no local

pository for survey records

M-NCPPC

city, town

Silver Spring

state

MD

## 7. Description

Survey No. M: 28-22

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Rosehill is a remodeled two story frame I-house located on an approximately one-acre hilltop site off Watergate Road. The house is a traditional side-gabled center hall I-house with clapboard walls (sided with vinyl in 1990) and a moderate pitched roof covered by composition shingle. The two-story building has an H-plan with a main rectangular I-house core built (ca. 1885), a rear hyphen constructed (1800), and rectangular two bay garage wing (1990).

The principle elevation of the house faces southwest overlooking the original sloping yard and curvilinear drive that descends to Watergate Road. The front of the building has a five-bay facade with symmetrical ranks of two-over-two windows. The central entry has a transom and sidelights and is covered by a full length one story hipped roofed porch supported by six chamfered posts. The central window sash on the second floor has been replaced by a projecting glass bay. Otherwise, the building type's expected exterior appearance, largely created by the symmetrical five bay facade, central hall form, two-story height and two room length, retains a relatively high degree of integrity.

The gable end facades of the I-house core facing northwest and southeast have paired two-over-four sash windows flanking the internal chimney stack at the gable ends to light the attic level. On the northwest facade there are two two-over-two windows on the first and second stories lighting the front half of this main I-house section. On the southeast gable end elevation there are four symmetrically paired two-over-two windows on the first and second levels.

The elevations of the hyphen ell continue the symmetrical window pattern and have a row of three four-over-four windows at the second story. On the ell's northwest facade, a porch has been infilled and a narrow door with a six-over-six window has been installed. A double window with six-over-six sash and single six-over-six window light the rooms on this floor. On the hyphen's southeast elevation, the porch remains open and has a shed roof supported by square columns. There two symmetrically placed entries flanking a centrally placed double window with six-over-six sash. The remaining rectangular two-bay garage addition mirrors the I-house form of the original frame building and has symmetrically placed one-over-one windows on the second level of the southeast facade. The remaining one-over-one windows of this addition are irregularly placed.

## 8. Significance

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M: 28-22

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1885 Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Summary: The I-house was a principal domestic building type in Montgomery County during the nineteenth century, but few of these houses have survived in the eastern section of Montgomery county without extensive renovation. Although Rosehill has been remodeled, it retains sufficient integrity of location, setting, form, plan, and materials to represent a distinctive surviving example of this once common farmhouse type in eastern Montgomery County.

A house at Rosehill was originally constructed around 1800 by Dr. Benjamin Duvall who left a log structure and land to his daughter Deborah. Deborah Duvall had married Thomas Canby III and soon after their marriage they moved to Rosehill. According to family tradition, the hyphen section of this house, known by the Canbys as the "parlor," is the original building that became an ell when the large frame I-house core was added around 1885. After her death in 1864, the 300 acre farm was divided and their eldest son William Maudit Canby inherited the house and 135 acres of farmland. In the early twentieth century, his second son Thomas Y. Canby would receive the old house and fifteen acres of land. He lived at the residence into the 1950s.<sup>1</sup>

The Canbys and Duvalls were prominent local families that were active in the county's social and economic affairs. Dr. Benjamin Duvall was a wealthy planter and leading member of the Jacksonian faction of the Democratic party.<sup>2</sup> Thomas Canby III was a Quaker school teacher at Fair Hill before his marriage and later became a prosperous farmer. The Canbys, typical of the independent farm families of Montgomery County in the nineteenth century, largely provided their own labor in the fields.<sup>3</sup> Like their well-to-do neighbors, the Canbys erected an I-house to front the old farmstead reflecting their economic success. The I-house was the farmer's ideal residence in that it was expressive of their ambitions and prosperity and, with the addition of decorative features, was considered one of the finest houses available at this time and place.<sup>4</sup>

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## 10. Geographical Data

**Quadrangle scale** \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Form Prepared By**

PS-2746



Continuation Sheet  
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Preservation Planning Data:

- a) Geographic Organization: Piedmont
- b) Chronological/Development Periods: Agricultural-Industrial Transition - A. D. 1815-1870; Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
- c) Historic Period Themes: Architecture
- d) Resource Type: Farmhouse

**Endnotes**

1 Roger Brooke Farquhar, **Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Maryland**. (Brookeville, MD: American History Research Associates, 1981; reprint 1952 edition), 277-278.

2 Ray Eldon Hiebert and Richard K. MacMaster. **A Grateful Remembrance: the Story of Montgomery County, Maryland**. (Rockville, Maryland: Montgomery County Government and the Montgomery County Historical Society, 1976), 138.

3 Farquhar, **Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Maryland**, 277-278.

4 The widespread domination of the central hall I-house type as a preferred farmer's residence throughout the Middle Atlantic region and its social meanings have been discussed in now classic works by Fred Kniffen and Henry Glassie. See Fred Kniffen, "Folk-Housing: Key to Diffusion" in Dell Upton and John Vlach, eds., **Common Places: Readings in American Vernacular Architecture** (Athens and London: University of Georgia Press, 1986), 3-26 and Henry Glassie, **Pattern in the Material Folk Culture of the United States** (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1968). For studies relating the development of the folk I-house as a fashionable residence or "farmer's mansion," see Michael Southern, "The I-House as a Carrier of Style in Three Counties of the Northeastern Piedmont," in Douglas Swaim, ed., **Carolina Dwelling** (Raleigh: North Carolina State University School of Design Student Publication, vol. 26, 1978), 70-83 and also Howard Wight Marshall, **Folk Architecture in Little Dixie** (Columbia and London: University of Missouri Press, 1981).

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON: Rose Hill					
AND/OR HISTORIC: (Canby House)					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: 15100 New Hampshire Ave.					
CITY OR TOWN: (Silver Spring) Colesville					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)		<b>OWNERSHIP</b>		<b>STATUS</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<b>Public Acquisition:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
<b>PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>					
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<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____					
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: Y.T. Canby					
STREET AND NUMBER: 15100 New Hampshire Ave.					
CITY OR TOWN: (Silver Spring) Colesville			STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

M:28-22

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncluttered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is built in two parts. The main section faces east and is a two-story, frame house of 5 bays on its principal facade. There is a center doorway with transom and sidelights, and windows are 2/2, double-hung. Molded architraves surround each window. There is an open, one-story porch across the front. The roof is steeply pitched and there are thin, internal chimney stacks at each end. The house is covered with German siding.

At the SW rear is a low, two-story ell of 3 bays, that has older 6/6 glass. Behind this is a frame smoke-house, and nearby is a handsome, board-and-batten bank barn with louvered vents.

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# **8 SIGNIFICANCE**

## **PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century            |                                       |

## **SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

## **AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- |   |                                       |   |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | losophy                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | itarian                                 | _____                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Farquhar, OLD HOMES AND HISTORY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD.  
1962; Washington, D.C.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		EAST LONGITUDE	WEST LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian (M-NCPPC)	
ORGANIZATION 8787 Georgia Ave.	DATE 8/7/75
STREET AND NUMBER: Silver Spring	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE Maryland

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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to select the site for the first Court House, and on another committee to purchase a site and establish a school as early as 1763. He died in 1786.

The old stone house has a full cellar with slave kitchen half above the ground, four rooms on the first floor, four on the second, and three fireplaces above the first floor.

## Rose Hill

OUR series of articles on historic Montgomery County homes would be incomplete without reference to the home of the Canby family. The Canby's have been active in the county one hundred and fifty years. They made their mark in Pennsylvania nearly three hundred years ago.

In 1683 Thomas Canby, then a young man of fifteen years of age, left his home town of Thorne in Yorkshire, England, to seek his fortune in the new world. His passage money was furnished by an uncle. He arrived in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, in 1684, and was registered as a member of the Friends Meeting there, his parents being Quakers. In due time young Thomas married, bought a farm of 280 acres in Buckingham Township, raised a family of eight children, and became prosperous. With his son, Thomas II, and another, Oliver, he moved to Wilmington, Delaware, in 1741, and the family became quite wealthy through development of water power and erection of mills on the Brandywine. Leaving his sons to become founders of a great industry on the Brandywine, Thomas I returned to his Bucks County farm, which he still owned, and died there in 1742. Such is the background of the Canby's of Rose Hill.

Whitson Canby, the first member of the family to come from Bucks County, settled in Mechanicsville about the year 1800, and had a pottery business there for some years. Among the various tracts of land which he acquired were the old Olney home, later owned for many years by the Farquhars, and Fair Hill, which he sold in 1817, for a school, to a committee from the Baltimore Friends Meeting. The Canby's remained Quakers when they first came to Montgomery County, four of the name making contributions to the building fund of the brick Meeting House in Sandy Spring, built in 1817. They were Whitson, William, Joseph and Thomas Canby.

The last-named, Thomas Canby III, became

a teacher at Fair Hill school, but some time after his marriage to Deborah Duvall he moved his young family to her father's home, Rose Hill, and became a farmer. This property was one of the numerous Duvall tracts. An old deed in possession of the present owner of Rose Hill is dated March, 1767, and refers to "Benjamin Duvall's land," evidently an earlier Benjamin than Deborah's father, Dr. Benjamin Duvall, who was born in that year and married Deborah Jackson in 1795. Dr. Duvall's will, probated in August, 1858, devised the property to his daughter. It then contained about 300 acres of land.

The children of Thomas III and Deborah were William, Benjamin, Laura, Eliza, Mary and Pattie. After Deborah's death in 1864, the farm was divided into two parts: William Mauduit Canby, the older son, received the home farm, Rose Hill, with 135 acres, and Benjamin Duvall Canby, the younger, the rear part later known as Ethelwood, with about 160 acres. William married Sarah Rust, daughter of George Rust of Leesburg, Va., and Benjamin married Ida Hynson of Chestertown, Kent County. The children of the latter couple were Hynson, Benjamin, William, Anna and Medford. Ethelwood, at present containing 56 acres has passed into the



NO. 44 F-10 CA. 1800 BY A DUVALL ADDITION  
1885 BY WM. M. CANBY FRAME

hands of Anna, who is Mrs. Christopher J. Tolson.

Of Rose Hill, the portion of William Canby, about twenty acres remain, five with the home of the oldest son, George Rust Canby, who married Elizabeth Dawson of Rockville, and about fifteen including the old house, with the second son, Thomas Yellott, whose wife was Louise Young of Takoma Park. The other two members of the family, Eliza (Mrs. Thomas O. Cannon), and William Mauduit, whose wife is the former Margaret Hart, have lived in Florida for some years.

Rose Hill may be seen looking west from a point two miles north of Colesville on Route 650

—but only if one keeps a sharp lookout, for in summer it is almost entirely screened by trees. It is reached by a long drive-way, which descends into a valley, passes a large pond on the right, and continues up a steep grade. The front of the house, the tall part shown in the photograph, was built in 1885, the rear wing being the "parlor" of an older dwelling turned about and joined to the new part to form a T. The date of this portion is uncertain, but the woodwork, the windows, and an old mantel rescued from a tool shed and installed in the 1885 section, would indicate a time near the year 1800. A still older home once occupied the site, but of that not even a description remains.

## Roslyn

**R**OSLYN, one of the attractive old houses in the Sandy Spring community, was the home of Henry Stabler, a horticulturist, who devoted himself to the improvement of farm-and-garden produce. His associates of the last century and "The Annals of Sandy Spring," fix the date of Henry Stabler's arrival at Roslyn as 1842 to 1844. Between these dates falls a Deed of June 26, 1843, whereby Elizabeth Elliott Lea of Walnut Hill conveyed to Henry Stabler and Mary Lea Stabler a tract of sixty acres for the sum of \$1,000, an average price of \$16.67 per acre. This was part of a tract conveyed to Elizabeth E. Lea by Ann Dorsey in December, 1833, and located on the "road from Bladensburg to New Market." Roslyn is situated on the east side of that road.

Henry Stabler, born in 1818 in Alexandria, Virginia, was one of a family of druggists well-known in that colonial city. He was a member of the Society of Friends and married Mary Lea, daughter of Elizabeth Elliott Lea of near-by Walnut Hill, whose mother had married Thomas Lea, Sr.

Stabler had a scientific, analytical type of mind and in improving the products of his farm and garden acquired fame for their excellent quality. He developed a thriving canning business and built a factory. He also operated a store and in one season it is reported he canned 36,000 containers of corn and raised 100 bushels of his improved variety for seed. So prolific



NO. 96 D-10 HENRY STABLER 1843 FRAME

was this strain of sweet corn that it was given the name Stabler Corn and the author has seen it mentioned in recent years in seed catalogs. Henry Stabler wrote articles on garden and farm subjects for publication and was one of sixteen founders of the Old Farmers' Club of Sandy Spring.

The house shown here faces toward the west where the view is most attractive. It is assumed that Henry and his bride planted many of the elm and other trees still standing; at any rate, they are believed to be over a century old. It is easy to believe the authenticity of Rebecca Russell's "visit." A friend or relative, she came to Roslyn expecting to stay a few days, and remained for fifty years, dying there at the age of 102.

The longevity of the citizens of the peaceful





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**TOWN:** Colesville (Vicinity)

**COUNTY:** MONTGOMERY

**QUADRANGLE:** Kensington, MD

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NAME ROSE HILL

LOCATION N.H. AVE., SILVER SPRING, MD.

FACADE SE

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NAME ROSE HILL - BARN

LOCATION N. H. AVE SILVER SPRING, MD

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